

## Message Text

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O R 312307Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL BOMBAY IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON TARAPUR

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE ON TARAPUR WAS PREPARED MAY 28  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

2. Q: WHAT COMMENT DO YOU HAVE ON THE STORIES FROM DELHI  
THAT WE HAVE APPROVED THE TARAPUR FUEL SHIPMENT?

A: THE PRESS REPORTS FROM DELHI ARE ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.  
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL SHORTLY BE FORWARDING A POSITIVE  
RECOMMENDATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ON THE  
LONG PENDING LICENSE FOR LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FOR THE  
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TARAPUR REACTORS. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND WE HAVE AGREED  
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NON-PRO-  
LIFERATION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED WITH REGARD TO THE TARAPUR  
QUESTION THAT THE DECISION ON ISSUING THE LICENSE RESTS  
SOLELY WITH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

3. Q: DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMMENT FROM EMBASSY DELHI THAT

NO PROBLEMS WITH THE NRC ARE ANTICIPATED?

A: THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUANCE OF EXPORT  
LICENSES RESTS ENTIRELY WITH THE NRC, AN INDEPENDENT REG-

ULATORY AGENCY. ITS DECISION IS MADE ON THE COMMISSION'S  
JUDGEMENT WHETHER ISSUANCE OF THE PARTICULAR LICENSE IS  
CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATUTORY CRITERIA. THE  
ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS PURELY TO PRESENT ITS RE-  
COMMENDATIONS.

4. NO QUESTIONS ON TARAPUR WERE ASKED AT MAY 31 NOON PRESS  
BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER

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